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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 October 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-146/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on October 2, 2008 PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

/Edward Urban/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2618

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments regarding the Hurst reference not teaching the feature of Claim 2, which is "detecting the type of terminal being carried out by monitoring and probing signal links" are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of a further analysis of the previously cited reference Jokinen.

Jokinen teaches the monitoring and probing of Identity Response messages, which will be in signal form, in order detect the type of terminal (Section 0039 lines 1 - 8). It is well established in the conventional art, as Applicants point out in the BACKGROUND section of Applicants' disclosure (See Page 2 lines 6 – 8 of Applicants disclosure), which is the conventional art, that the IMEI contains information about the model number and serial number of the mobile terminal. The model number is the information that indicates the type of mobile terminal.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 – 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jokinen et al. (US 2003/0027581) in view of Hurst et al. (US 7,149,545).

Consider Claim 1, Jokinen teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network (0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 9-13, 0027-0028), which method comprises the steps of: -the detection of the unique identity of the terminal that the subscriber is currently using (0013, lines 1-

21, particularly lines 5-15, 0014, lines 4-12, 0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 18-20, 0026); the adaptation of information about properties to services for the type of terminal detected (0027, lines 1-14, particularly lines 5-9, 0063, lines 1-17, particularly lines 8-15), by retrieving data corresponding to a terminal type; and the presentation of the adapted information on the said terminal (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 6-8).

Although Jokinen et al. teaches the method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network (0026, lines 1-29, particularly lines 9-13, 0027-0028), Jokinen et al. does not specifically teach the remapping of the unique identity to properties, including type of terminal.

However, in related art, Hurst teaches remapping of the unique identity to properties, including type of terminal (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Jokinen with the binding feature of Hurst for the purpose of authorizing subsequent service or content activation to authorized users while minimizing that unauthorized users will be able to access said service options or content as taught by Hurst.

Consider Claim 2, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network, the step of

detecting the type of terminal being carried out by monitoring and probing signal links (Section 0039 lines 1 – 8, See Response To Arguments above).

Consider Claim 3, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Hurst further teaches detecting the type of terminal being carried out by monitoring and probing signal links in order to detect MSISDN-IMSI mapping (Cols. 9 lines 45 – 53, 11 lines 62 – 67, 12 lines 1 – 9).

Consider Claim 4, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising the steps of: the request by the user of a service via SMS/USSD or conversation (0057, lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035, lines 1-8); the exchange of IMEI information between MSC and BSC/RNC or between SGSN and BSC/RNC for the subscriber (0041, lines 1-23, 0043, lines 1-20, 0048-0049, 0031-0032); the capture of current IMEI information about the subscriber by probing the signal link (0049, lines 1-10, 0013, lines 1-21, particularly lines 6-8, 0014, lines 1-16, particularly lines 5-7, 0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 17-20, 0044, lines 1-8, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3), in order to detect whether the IMEI is a new IMEI for the subscriber identified; the detection by an application server of the request (0049, lines 1-10, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3); the request by the application server for terminal properties from the configuration server (0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-29), by using a provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal; the discovery by the configuration server of a unique subscriber identity either by reading information that

is stored locally or by a request to HLR (0049, lines 1-10); the reading by the configuration server of stored IMEI for the subscriber (0049, lines 1-10, 0041, lines 1-23, 0043, lines 1-20, 0048, 0031-O032); the return by the configuration server of the properties to the application server (0026, lines 1-29, 0014, lines 1-16, 0012); and the transmission of a terminal-dependent configuration to the terminal via SMS or other information channel (0057, lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035, lines 1-8). Hurst further teaches remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

Consider Claim 5, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising the steps: the request by the user of a service via SMS/USSD or conversation (0057, lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035, lines 1-8); the detection by an application server of the request (0049, lines 1-10, See Parts 300, 302 of Figure 3); the request by the application server for properties (0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-29), by using a provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal; the request by the configuration server for IMEI via modified ATI or a new operation involving HLR (0043, 0048, 0026); the request by HLR to the terminal for IMEI via MSC/SGSN (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 14-20, 0048); the return by the configuration server of the properties to the application server (0026, lines

1-29, 0014, lines 1-16, 0012); and the transmission of a terminal-dependent configuration to the terminal via SMS or other information channel (0057, lines 1-23, particularly lines 9-15, 0050, lines 1-14, particularly lines 4-8, 0041, lines 15-20, 0035, lines 1-8). Hurst further teaches remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

Consider Claim 6, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 5. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network wherein the step in which HLR requests IMEI from the terminal comprises the steps of: the request by HLR to MSC/SGSN for IMEI for the subscriber (0043, lines 1-20, particularly lines 14-20, 0048, lines 1-10); and the request by MSC/SGSN to the terminal for IMEI for the subscriber via BSC (0043, lines 1-20, 0048, lines 1-10, 0026).

Consider Claim 7, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network further comprising the steps of: the request by the application server for properties from the configuration server (0012, lines 1-9, 0014, 0026, lines 1-29), by using a provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal; the discovery by the configuration server of a unique subscriber identity either by reading information that is stored locally or by a request to HLR (0049, lines 1-10); the reading by the configuration server of stored IMEI for the

subscriber (0049, lines 1-10, 0041, lines 1-23, 0043, lines 1-20, 0048, 0031-0032); the contact by the configuration server to collaborating configuration servers if the IMEI information is not present in the local database (0049, lines 1-10, 0055, lines 1-25, 0042, 0051, 0053-0054), whereby the relevant collaborating configuration servers are determined by a request to HLR (0043, lines 1-20, 0048, lines 1-10, 0026); the conversion by the application server of terminal-independent information to terminal-dependent information (0009, lines 1-6, Abstract, 0012-0014, 0026, lines 1-29, 0027-0028, 0033-0034, 0043-0044, 0048-0049); and the delivery of terminal-dependent information to the terminal (0034, lines 1-24, particularly lines 5-6). Hurst further teaches remapping of IMEI to properties (Col. 13 lines 24 – 35, 15 lines 8 – 10, lines 13 – 17, the IMEI is binded or mapped to the service options, which are the properties, the service options used by the terminal are an indicator of the type of terminal).

Consider Claim 8, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 7. Jokinen further teaches a method for the automatic management of terminal-dependent information in a wireless communication network, the conversion step occurring based on attributes in the properties (0009, lines 1-6, Abstract, 0012-0014, 0026, lines 1-29, 0027-0028, 0033-0034, 0043-0044, 0048-0049), by using a provisional server to initiate procedures for the terminal.

Consider Claim 9, Jokinen in view of Hurst teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Jokinen further teaches at least one software product that can be loaded directly into the internal memory (0041, lines 1-23, particularly lines 13-15, 0065, 0068-0070, 0066) of at least one digital computer (0003, lines 9-12, 0027, lines 1-9)

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comprising software modules for carrying out the steps when the said products, at least one such (102subl,...,102subn) (0041, lines 1-23, particularly lines 13-15, 0065, 0068-0070, 0066) is run on the said computers, at least one such (100subl,...,100subn) (0003, lines 9-12, 0027, lines 1-9).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAYMOND S. DEAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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